

Wade T. Najjum, Assistant Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General; Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Team, GAO; and public witnesses.

POST-9/11 G.I. BILL STATUS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on VA Status Report on Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. Testimony was heard from Keith M. Wilson, Director, Office of Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA INAPPROPRIATE BILLING PRACTICES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Identifying the Causes of Inappropriate Billing Practices by the VA. Testimony was heard from Kay Daly, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, GAO; Gary M. Baker, Chief Business Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans; and representatives of veterans organizations.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECONCILIATION LETTER

Committee on Ways and Means: Approved the reconciliation letter to the House Committee on the Budget.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1178)

S. 1707, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 to promote an enhanced strategic partnership with Pakistan and its people, and for other purposes. Signed on October 15, 2009. (Public Law 111-73)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on H.R. 515, Radioactive Import Deterrence Act, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 19 through October 24, 2009

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at approximately 4:30 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1776, Medicare Physicians Fairness Act, and after a period of debate, vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: October 22, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Frank Kendall III, of Virginia, to be Deputy Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, Gladys Commons, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Terry A. Yonkers, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: October 20, to hold hearings to examine the state of the nation's housing market, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: October 21, Subcommittee on Science and Space, to hold hearings to examine space, focusing on the value, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: October 21, to hold hearings to examine the costs and benefits for energy consumers and energy prices associated with the allocation of greenhouse gas emission allowances, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: October 20, to hold hearings to examine S. 1631, to reauthorize customs facilitation and trade enforcement functions and programs, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: October 22, to hold hearings to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), focusing on a strategic concept for transatlantic security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

October 22, Full Committee, to receive a briefing to examine Iran, 3 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: October 21, business meeting to consider the nominations of Craig Becker, of Illinois, Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, and Brian Hayes, of Massachusetts, all to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, Rolena Klahn Adorno, of Connecticut, and Marvin Krislov, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Gloria Valencia-Weber, of New Mexico, Julie A. Reiskin, of Colorado, Martha L. Minow, of Illinois, John Gerson Levi, of Illinois, and Robert James Grey, Jr., of Virginia, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and David Morris Michaels, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of